

Project Title: Orang Asli (Indigenous people in Malaysia) healthcare and well-being

1. Brief Background of Research Project

This project is an expansion of our previous indigenous psychology study on OA sufferings among Temiar group. It was found that healthcare utilization is low among OA resettlement due to inaccessibility issue, and cultural mismatch of healthcare model which create mistrust towards the system. Hence a thorough and deeper understanding of OA perception towards healthcare system from a biopsychosocial system perspective is needed.

2. Project Description

This project is an ongoing collaboration with SEACO in Segamat and NGO in Ulu Perak to investigate the OA's unique worldview and cultural transformation of lifestyles and cognition in modern days. It is also an inter-disciplinary project with other OA scholars from anthropology, public health and business. The study will be a mixed-method community approach in nature (qualitative and quantitative).

The candidate we are looking for should be passionate about performing a range of research activities and provides support for the day-to-day running for the research project and field data collection.

3. Supervisor / Supervision team

Dr. Rachel Ting Sing Kiat (Prof Maude Phipp, Prof Tin Tin Su, Dr. Adriana Ortega, Dr. Loganathan Krishnan. Dr. Min Min Tan)

4. PhD Opportunity (research scope of project)

Option – if funded by grant

A fully-funded PhD position is available in the School of Medicine & Health Sciences at Monash University Malaysia. Funding includes tuition, a stipend of RM2,300/month up to a maximum of 24 months of candidature. *Subject to satisfactory progress, the candidate can apply for a School of Medicine & Health Sciences merit scholarship (for a period not exceeding) 42 months of candidature.*

Each application will be reviewed as outlined in the eligibility section.

5. Eligibility

Candidates must meet the minimum admission requirements (academic and English language proficiency) for the research degree. In general, this is equivalent to a high distinction average (H1/H1E or 1st Class Honours as per Faculty's and Monash's assessment at admission) from a recognized university. Scholarship will be selected based on comprehensive ranking of academic achievement, research publications, and research experience or research-related awards.

6. Required Skills

- i. Technical Skills:** Fluent in all Microsoft software packages (e.g. Words, Excel), Online meeting platforms, Literature review and systematic review, Video and graphics recording/editing software, bilingual fluency (English language and Bahasa Malaysia)
- ii. Soft Skills:** communication skills, time management skills, organization skills, basic outdoor survival skill, and team-spirit.
- iii. Education background (discipline):** Psychology, public health, sociology/anthropology, applied statistics, medical and health sciences or behavioral sciences